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Loving minds ♥ hearts ♥ hands.

What a fantastic start to Year 1! Thank you for all your support with your child's learning.
If you have any worries or concerns, please do not hesitate to make an appointment;
Thank you,
Miss B. Jameson

Autumn 2 2020-21: This term we will be learning lots of new and exciting things!

Home Learning and Reading

Daily reading is extremely important. We listen to your child read every day in school and we expect you to listen to your child read **every day** for 5-10 minutes at home. Please **sign their reading record** every time you read with them.



All children will have a mental maths book and a literacy book. These will be sent home on Thursday and the designated pages should be completed and returned to school by Tuesday morning. Please practise daily with your child. It is really important that this learning is supported and consolidated at home.

Please bring in all home-learning books from the two weeks' isolation period into school, i.e. Phonics Buster book, KS1 Maths, Maths activity book and comprehension book. Thank you.

Maths No Problem: Numbers and Place Value: Numbers up to 20

The children will be exploring numbers up to 20, in particular on numbers between 10 and 20. Pupils will be able count and write to 20, compare and order numbers, and see patterns within 20. They will then be writing numbers using both numerals and words. The children will learn different ways to add and subtract numbers within 20, such as; counting on and back from any given number, adding by making 10 and adding and subtracting by counting in ones. Even though we are exploring numbers 0-20, we still encourage children to become familiar with numbers past 20.



RE: Baptism/ Confirmation: BELONGING

Through this unit the children will know and understand that Baptism enables people to belong to God's family in a special way. They will recognise the importance of welcome, of feeling comfortable with new situations by drawing on their own experiences of belonging.



RE: Advent/Christmas - Loving: Waiting



Advent is a special time of waiting in joyful hope for Jesus; it encourages believers to wait for Christ who comes each day and who will come in a special way at the end of time.

John 3:16 "For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son."

The children will develop their understanding of Advent through various activities such as; passing a nativity set from home to home and making a human Advent wreath. We will then celebrate the joy of Christmas through a whole school performance of the Nativity. This will be filmed and uploaded online.

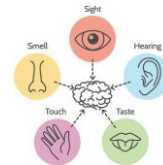
English: Cracking Comprehension

The children have enjoyed the start of Cracking Comprehension. This term the children will be supported in developing the skills of scanning, sequencing and predicting in order to become a confident reader. As a class, we will read through a range of stories; such as Zack's Moon and Tess' Pool.



Science: Our Senses

In this unit, we are learning the concept of the five senses, and find out about the world around us and link those senses to particular parts of their body. This includes naming the different parts of the body and participating in sensory tests such as; taste tests, 'what can you see?' and 'what is that noise?'



P.E.

In games, the children will be developing fundamental movements, continuing their gross motor development from Reception. In gym, they will be learning Points and Patches and in dance, the children will be linking their gross and fine motor skills, using streamers, conkers and playing with a ball. Please ensure you child comes to school on a Wednesday wearing the correct P.E. kit, clearly labelled with their name/ initials.

Music: Charanga

The children will be developing the ability to internalise a steady pulse, whilst exploring a range of instruments. They will have the opportunity to make, play, change and combine sounds by trying out different ways of producing sounds with voice, musical instruments and simple music technology.

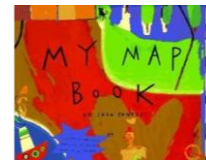
Computing: Purple Mash - Lego Builders

The children will be introduced to coding by building Lego animals. The children will learn the meaning of algorithms, debugging and programming. They will use a range of tools and programs; i.e. 2Count, 2Paint and 2Build. Lego Builders is used as an introduction to coding, which will be taught in Spring term.

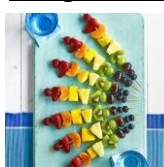


Geography: Maps

Thank you to all the children who brought in their Story Maps. The staff were blown away with the creativity the children showed. This half term the children will be exploring maps and how they can be used in their daily routine. They will create story maps, daily routine maps and maps of their tummy's. This is a creative introduction to recording, mapping and adding a unique touch to the environment.



Design Technology: Food



The children will be making a fruit kebab each. In order to make this, the children will be researching and taste testing fruit from around the world and then finding out which fruit is the most popular and least popular. They will input this data into a pictogram using Purple Mash. They will have the opportunity to design their fruit kebabs several times and finally make their product. They will eat their fruit kebabs when watching a virtual Christmas pantomime.



Useful websites and further information:

www.st-ambrose.manchester.sch.uk

www.purplemash.com

Phonics Games:

www.phonicsplay.co.uk

Mathematics and Reading Games:

www.numbots.co.uk

www.topmarks.co.uk

www.oxfordowl.co.uk

Please look at our class homepage on our school website. If there is anything you would like to see on there, please let me know.





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